

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/645,265 filed August 20, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/879,263 filed June 11, 2001 now U.S. Patent No. 6,629,994 issued October 7, 2003. Applicants claim priority to each application in the chain. Claims 1-26 have been canceled, and new claims 27-35 are presented for examination. The new claims are fully supported by the specification and drawings. No new matter is presented. Claim 27 of the present application is substantially similar to issued claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,629,994. The difference between new claim 27 and issued claim 1 is that claim 27 recites "each undulating link having a first arm" while issued claim 1 recites "each undulating linking having a first arm and a second arm." It is believed that the limitation of the first arm is patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

It is respectfully requested that the pending claims 27-35 be examined at the earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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